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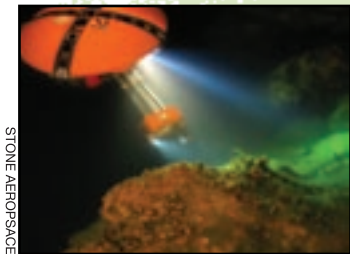
TIDE CHARTS

TRACKING THE EBB AND FLOW OF COASTAL ENVIRONMENTALISM



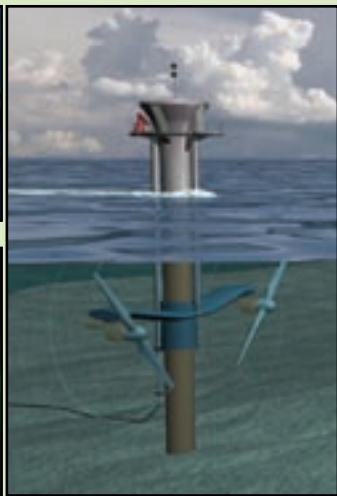
DREAMSTIME

Threatened Elkhorn coral.



STONE AEROSPACE

Clementine



MOT TECHNOLOGY

Artist rendition of the "underwater windmill".

Reef Protection Back On The Front Burner



(LOW GETTING HIGH)

The Bush administration has delivered proposed legislation to Congress, calling for stronger protection of our nation's coral reefs. The bill, the Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Amendments Act of 2007, reauthorizes the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000. Besides providing much-needed protection for our reefs, the bill also makes it, "... unlawful to destroy or injure any coral reef and allows the government to recover response and restoration costs from responsible parties." Major causes of reef decline are disease, land-based pollution, habitat destruction, over-fishing, vessel groundings, coastal development and climate change.

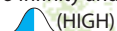
Tidal Energy Development Continues



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In 2003, Norwegian tidal energy company, Hammerfest Stroem, built the first tidal turbine in the world to supply power to a commercial grid in the Kval Sound, on Norway's northern tip. Now, Scottish Power has bought into Hammerfest Strom and has plans to further develop tidal energy by installing an "underwater windmill" offshore of Britain in 2009. The prototype tidal turbine in Norway looks and acts similar to a conventional modern windmill, but its blades are shorter and reinforced to take on tidal forces. It is fixed to the seabed, which allows ships to pass overhead, and provides up to 300 kilowatts of power. The building of the prototype turbine for Scotland will begin in 2008, with installation during 2009. The technology works best where tidal ranges are greatest and Britain has some of the strongest tidal areas in the world.

To Infinity and Beyond!



(HIGH)

Researchers from Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute have embarked upon a NASA-funded, Deep Phreatic Thermal Explorer (DEPTHX) mission that is exploring Mexico's El Zacaton sinkhole, the deepest flooded sinkhole in the world. El Zacaton is a geothermal sinkhole, or cenote, that is more than 925-feet-deep. The DEPTHX mission will use the eight-foot-diameter submarine, "Clementine" to map the cenote and study the unique organisms that survive there. In the process, DEPTHX will also test technologies and methods that might be useful in the long-term possibility of exploring the oceans of Europa, one of Jupiter's moons.

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Our cover guy is Surfrider Foundation activist, Adrian Nelson from the Vancouver, Canada Organizing Committee. Photo: Natalie Larochelle

TO LOVE IS TO ACT

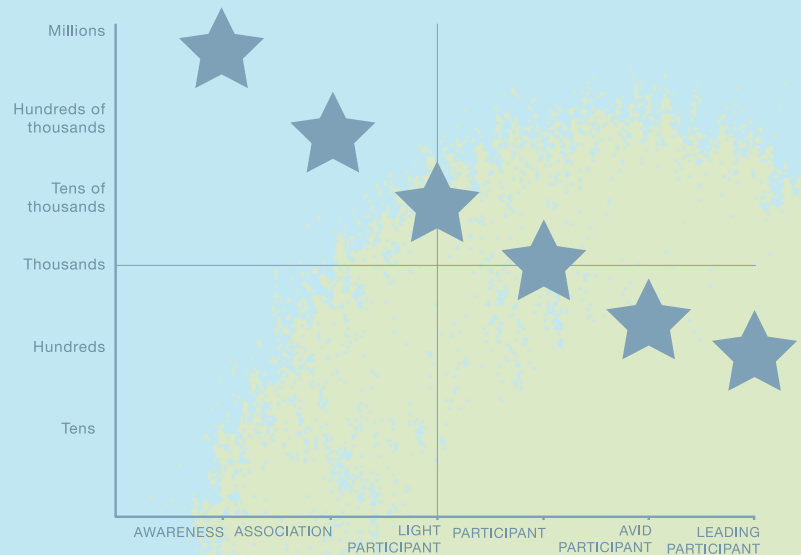
Actions speak louder than words. This issue of Making Waves focuses on action.

A “person who acts” is the simple definition of an activist. My personal definition goes further: a person who cares enough to act. The difference is a level of care that spurs people to act in a situation where they may otherwise not. To me it comes down to love. What do you love? Then, what actions are you willing to take based on that love?

The term “activist” means different things to each of us. On one end of the spectrum are those who care, but have never volunteered. This group may see the term activist as something edgy and perhaps a bit “too committed” for their tastes. On the other end of the spectrum, there are those whose lives are literally defined by their daily activities. In my mind there is not only room for this spectrum, but I see the diversity and range as a critical part of any successful movement. In my mind there are “activists” throughout the spectrum.

Another way to say this is that you can ask a little of a lot of people and a lot of few people. It makes sense to ask 30,000 people at a rock concert to text “green” into their phones to illustrate a lightweight version of the group’s will. But if you ask that same 30,000 people to a beach cleanup or to go to a City Council meeting, they won’t. It’s asking too much of the general public. We may be willing to help our kids with homework, but unwilling to donate \$1,000 to help a child in Africa attend university. This explanation is important because it’s fruitless to make big asks of all people, it’s simply poor strategy. Each of us have complex lives, our commitment levels ebb and flow as our lives progress. That’s simply a reality. If that is a poor strategy then what is a good strategy?

Good strategy is making tiny, low-friction asks of the masses and then giving them small ways to



increase their involvement. This applies to our mission. Our mission can be paraphrased as, “protection and enjoyment of oceans, waves and beaches for all people.”

Start with a tiny ask to a lot of people. Perhaps it’s a blog on a seawall or maybe it’s talking about clean water to your friends. Then, once a few people respond, have “opted in” or in some way given you their permission to engage ... let them know a bit more regarding the issue. Some will fall away. If they still come around then have them come alongside you and ask them to share some of the weight. The process self-filters, as everyone can’t devote his or her time, energy and money toward every issue. A wonderful aspect of this “ladder of interest and activism” is that at every stage you have a group of people that not only care, they are engaged. You have activists.

Do you care about water quality? Do you care about beach access? Do you care about sound shoreline-development practices?

Great, now talk to others. Find out if others share your concerns. Invest in your web of influence. Invest in our coasts.

For the oceans, waves and beaches,
—Jim Moriarty, Chief Executive Officer



SURFRIDER FOUNDATION

THE POWER OF ONE:

Ed Mazzarella

By Michelle Kremer

NAME: EDWARD JOSEPH MAZZARELLA
 TITLE: DIRECTOR OF CHAPTERS
 SIGN: SCORPIO
 STATS: MARRIED TO MAURKEEN,
 TWO CHILDREN—BRONWYN + LUKIA.
 RESIDENCE: COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA
 YEARS WITH SURFRIDER FOUNDATION: 15

There might be someone out there, somewhere in the world, that knows more about grass roots activist organizing than Ed Mazzarella—we just haven't met them yet.

Ed is celebrating his 15th year of employment with the Surfrider Foundation this year and the organization owes him a debt of gratitude for his years of service.

Known as the "King of the Bunny Hop" in the BMX circuit of Palm Desert, California, Ed moved to San Clemente in the late 80s. Surfer, skater, skinny-leg jean wearing punk rocker—Ed Mazzarella joined the Surfrider Foundation staff in 1992 as the Chapter Coordinator. The then eight-year old Foundation was truly in its infancy stages and he was there to help nurture and grow the chapter network from the bottom up. The Foundation only had eight full-time employees and less than 20 chapters. Under Ed's leadership and guidance the Chapter network has since tripled and has become a powerful, recognized force in the environmental movement.

While the Foundation had some Chapters established in the early 1990s there was not a formal structure for the Chapters to operate under. Ed developed operating guidelines, policies, bylaws and gave structure to the growing Chapter network. Several years ago Ed developed the Chapter Growth Plan, which set forth his vision on how to grow the Chapter network. Under this plan we have been able to employ regional field staff to better assist the Chapters, and has resulted in more efficient and effective Chapters and activists. In recent years, Ed's emphasis has been to provide the Chapter's with more tools to operate more efficiently as well as provide more training and guidance to our Chapter activists.

Ed's contributions to the organization have been constant and enormous over the last decade and a half. He is an important part of the Surfrider Foundation team and provides a great sense of humor, commitment to the mission and passion for the core values of our organization. We are able to lead a movement of global care for the coasts thanks to his contributions.

Thank you Ed for the last 15 years. You Rock!

Michelle is the Chief Operating Officer of the Surfrider Foundation.



LEAVE BEHIND A LEGACY

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Sure hope this guy remembered to include Surfrider Foundation in his will!

BY STEVE BLANK

Each of us needs to make a will. It's the only way to make sure our possessions go to the people we want to have them. But, for many people, the thought of creating or amending a will is an unpleasant nuisance. However, making your will and keeping it up-to-date is one of the most critical things you can do for your loved ones. By making a will you can provide for your family and make sure that your wishes are carried out exactly as you intended.

It's important to remember that when it comes time for a will to be executed there are really only three places your remaining assets can go: 1) your heirs; 2) the IRS; or 3) your favorite charity/charities. And, if you're like most people you feel you've left plenty to the IRS already!

A will can be the very best opportunity we will ever have to make a lasting and impactful gift to a cause we believe in. Leaving a gift to Surfrider Foundation in your will is an easy and wonderful way to leave a legacy of care and support for our oceans, waves and beaches. Adding us to your will or living trust is one of the easiest ways to make an important difference in the future of the Foundation.

To make a bequest simply add a brief statement to your will or living trust. (Often you can simply add a codicil to an existing document.) While this type of gift creates no immediate tax benefits, it will be completely tax deductible for estate tax purposes.

You can also specify exactly how you'd like to distribute your assets. You can make a specific bequest by identifying a specific parcel of

real estate, block of stock, or other clearly identified item. Or you can make a cash bequest in a specific amount or percentage of your estate. Finally, you can make a residual bequest from the remaining assets in your estate after all other bequests and settlement costs are satisfied.

Naming the Surfrider Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate today will serve to remind your friends and neighbors in the community that, throughout your lifetime and beyond, you cared for the world's oceans, waves and beaches. Certainly there is no better way to be remembered and no better gift to leave behind. Your legacy in this regard is easy to create and can cost nothing to establish. In fact, doing so may save your estate a great deal in taxes.

We welcome the opportunity to show you the potential benefits of making a gift to support our work. Personal discussions, visits, or written presentations incur no obligation on your part, and of course, all information discussed is confidential. To learn more about estate gifts please contact Steve Blank, Surfrider Foundation's Director of Development at 800-743-SURF x. 40 or sblank@surfrider.org.

This article illustrates ways of making a gift to the Surfrider Foundation. While we believe it to be accurate the information is not a substitute for legal advice from your tax advisor and/or your estate planning advisor.

WATER QUALITY ISSUES

BLUE WATER TASK FORCE: TRANSLATING SCIENCE INTO ACTION

By Mara Dias



San Vicente Creek Mouth at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Moss Beach, Calif.

CAROLANN TOWE

The Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) is a volunteer water-quality monitoring, education and advocacy program. Designed to take advantage of the daily presence of surfers and beachgoers in coastal waters, it is the Surfrider Foundation's most visible and successful program to date. A recent survey of the BWTF revealed that there are 24 Chapters actively monitoring the water quality of their local ocean beaches.

While most Chapters use the Surfrider Foundation's web site to store their water quality data (www.surfrider.org/whatwedo3c.asp), many other forms of media are used to share this valuable coastal information. Water quality data is posted on Chapter and partnering organization web sites. Data is distributed to Chapter email lists and sent to local government officials and health departments. And some Chapters also post their data at surf shops, beaches and in their local newspapers.

The BWTF program serves many purposes beyond providing a record of beach water quality. The Chapters use the program to educate students about water quality issues and to promote a coastal stewardship ethic. The BWTF also provides an excellent volunteer activity that could require as little as one to two hours per month for a water sample collector or as much as five or more hours a week for a program coordinator.

Some Chapter programs focus on popular beaches or those with known pollution problems, while others choose their sampling sites to fill in the gaps left by local health agencies. More and more Chapters are also beginning to participate directly in agency beach-monitoring programs by collecting samples from beaches that are not normally tested or during off-season months.

In addition to an almost universal appeal for more volunteers expressed during the recent program survey, many Chapters would also like to see their BWTF programs expanded beyond reporting water quality information to working proactively to identify pollution problems and initiate change in their communities. The last article in this series discussed several examples of Chapters that are collaborating with their local governments to track the sources of beach pollution. Ultimately, the goal is to take action to clean up our coastal watersheds and improve the water quality at our beaches.

The San Mateo County Chapter has been successful in doing just that in the San Vicente Creek watershed. The San Vicente Creek drains to the ocean at the James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in California. The Chapter's interest in this watershed began when they noticed that the beach was almost constantly posted with a swimming advisory due to high bacterial counts. Despite the advisory, the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is a very popular beach for school field trips, and children were observed washing their hands in the creek on numerous occasions.

The Chapter decided to contact local authorities at their County Environmental Health Department to investigate the source of the bacterial pollution. Together with the County and landowners they began testing the water quality upstream to identify hot spots of pollution in San Vicente Creek. This collaborative study identified numerous sources including old septic and sewer systems, animal pens, illegal agricultural residences, equestrian facilities and illegal discharges.

All landowners were very keen to take action to reduce their impact on the San Vicente Creek Watershed. The Chapter and County worked with the equestrian facilities to install



CAROLANN TOWE



CATHERINE CARLSON-CROKE

Watershed Discovery Workshop students replicating a storm event on the Non-point source EnviroScape interactive model, Moss Beach Ranch, Moss Beach, Calif.



RICH ALLEN

Brian Martinez, San Mateo County Environmental Health, water sampling at San Vicente Creek, Moss Beach, Calif.

County Park Ranger, Sarah Lenz, explaining the land to sea connection to Watershed Discovery Workshop students, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Moss Beach, Calif.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as moving fences away from the creek, moving manure piles, composting manure, changing how horses are pastured and altering the farms' drainage systems. The Chapter now conducts monthly water quality monitoring at the equestrian facilities and brings middle school students to Moss Beach Ranch to demonstrate the BMPs.

This watershed tour is part of the Chapter's Watershed Discovery Workshop aimed at teaching students how to protect a watershed. Beginning at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, the kids receive an introduction to the watershed from the county park rangers and collect water samples. At the Surfrider Foundation laboratory they receive hands-on science experience analyzing the water samples. Watershed models are also built to explore how watersheds work and the impacts of pollution. This program reaches both the kids and their parental chaperones.

The water quality at the beach in the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve has improved. The beach isn't posted as often as it once was. Even when the water quality does not meet the bathing standard, the bacteria levels aren't as high as they once were. These improvements in water quality

have caught the attention of the community and the local press, www.examiner.com/a-649285-County_marine_reserve_on_mend.html.

Pleased with their initial results, the San Mateo County Chapter is continuing their investigative work. The Chapter and county are conducting bi-weekly sampling in the lower, suburban part of the San Vicente Watershed. They suspect illegal dumping and old sewer infrastructure may be causing elevated bacterial counts in this downstream area.

Mara holds a MS in Environmental Studies from the University of Charleston. As Surfrider Foundation's first East Coast environmental staff member, Mara works on national and chapter-specific water quality campaigns and monitoring programs.

More information on the San Mateo County Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) can be found on the Chapter's web site at www.surfridersmc.org.

To read a full report of the recent BWTF survey and to learn about the different water quality campaigns the Chapters are conducting visit the Surfrider Foundation's web site at www.surfrider.org/whatwedo3c.asp.

Toxic Ocean Algae

Each year our coasts are impacted by large visible patches, or blooms, of microscopic plants often called "Red Tides" because of the reddish tint they give the water. While usually not harmful to humans, a small number can contain neurotoxins, which can travel up the food chain eventually causing illness, particularly through consumption of tainted shellfish. Still others can release those toxins directly into the water or air causing discomfort or even illness for people in the immediate area. One particularly virulent toxin that's been making headlines on the West Coast is "Domoic Acid". This has been seen to cause disorientation and strange behavior before eventually leading to death in sea lions and sea birds. You can read more about this in articles on "Red Tides" and "Domoic Acid" in our Coastal A-Z section of the Surfrider Foundation web site.

Coastal A-Z provides a valuable collection of educational articles on a wide variety of topics about our coasts and oceans. You can find it under the "What We Do" heading on our web site, or directly at www.surfrider.org/whatwedo4b.asp.

SURFRIDER FOUNDATION LAUNCHES PROJECT BLUE

This summer, the Surfrider Foundation and Propaganda Headquarters will be teaming up with five of the leading names in the surf industry to launch a new initiative called "project BLUE".

The initiative brings together surf apparel and accessory giants Billabong, DAKINE, Electric Visual, Nixon and Reef, who have all signed on to create special-edition products under the label of project BLUE. A portion of sales from each product will be donated directly back to the Surfrider Foundation to assist in its efforts to protect the world's oceans, waves and beaches.

"project BLUE is not a charity; it's a plan of action," says Vipe Desai, project BLUE Founder and President of Propaganda Headquarters. "These brands make the ocean a priority. Generating monies to save the very thing that supports not only life, but also the spirit of surfing, is a sound strategy."

Beginning this summer, project BLUE products will be featured in leading retail stores across the country. Customers will be able to choose amongst several different apparel and accessory items, including eyewear by Electric Visual, Nixon watches, DAKINE backpacks, Reef sandals, and Billabong's first-ever boardshort made from recycled materials.

Each of the items will feature limited-edition colorways and patterns, unique to project BLUE.

"With everything the ocean and surfing has meant to our employees and our brand, we wanted to have a positive impact and see project BLUE as a smart way in doing just that," says Nixon co-founder and Director of Marketing, Chad DiNenna.

To learn more about project Blue check out www.betrueetoblue.com.



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BAREFOOT® WINE STEPS IN TO PROTECT AMERICA'S BEACHES

This summer the Surfrider Foundation will be working with Barefoot Wine to make America's beaches "barefoot-friendly" by teaming up for a series of beach restoration events designed to call attention to Surfrider Foundation Chapter efforts across the United States. Between June and September 2007, Barefoot and Surfrider Foundation will travel from coast to coast and set sail for the Hawaiian Islands to rescue, restore and renew various beaches and coastal areas.

The Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project will feature a series of beach cleanup and restoration events that are free and open-to-the-public. Led by Barefoot and Surfrider Foundation activists, residents are encouraged to come down and lend a hand in helping to keep their local beaches beautiful. Afterwards, volunteers are invited to stay and enjoy an evening of activities including a special musical performance by Luscious Jackson frontwoman, Jill Cuniff, and of course, Barefoot Wine and Bubbly tastings as the sun goes down.

Through their Beach Rescue Project, Barefoot Wine will also be making a \$125,000 donation to help support Surfrider Foundation environmental campaigns, including the efforts to protect New York's Montauk Point, prevent an ill-planned coastal development project at Oahu's Kawela Bay, stop a damaging beach fill project in Lake Worth, Florida and support efforts to Save Trestles from a proposed toll road project.

"We are excited to be partnered with Barefoot Wine for this summer's Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project," says Ed Mazarella, Director of Chapters for the Surfrider Foundation. "As a grass roots organization, we know from experience how effective community-based efforts like these can be in helping to protect our oceans, waves and beaches."

For more information on the Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project, including beach cleanup and event locations, dates and times, please visit www.barefootwine.com/beachrescue.

SURFRIDER FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH SOBE BEVERAGES

SoBe, makers of specialty teas, elixirs and energy drinks, has partnered with the Surfrider Foundation to become the exclusive beverage partner of the organization. Through the partnership, SoBe will be working with Surfrider Foundation to enhance and animate Chapter and activist events across the nation.

"SoBe is committed to helping protect our beach and coastal environments by working with Surfrider Foundation," says Laura Mazarella, Marketing Coordinator for the Surfrider Foundation. "Thanks to SoBe, Surfrider Foundation activists will be able to enjoy complementary beverages at their local beach cleanups, fundraisers and other events."

SoBe will also be working to promote the Surfrider Foundation across the country through their stable of events and partnerships, including the SoBe Love Bus Tour and the Eastern Surfing Association.

For more information on SoBe Beverages, go to www.sobebev.com.



SURFRIDER WINS MYSPACE IMPACT AWARD

This past May, the Surfrider Foundation received honors from the nation's largest social networking site: MySpace.



The site and its members recognized the Surfrider Foundation with a MySpace Impact Award for Environmentalism. MySpace.com launched its Impact Awards late last year as a way to honor individuals and organizations who make a difference in their communities by using MySpace. The awards recognize impact-makers in six categories: Community-building, Health and Safety, Social Justice, Poverty Relief, Environmentalism and International Development. Winners are determined by MySpace users, who vote for their favorite nominees.

According to Surfrider Foundation's Director of Marketing, Matt McClain, the organization currently maintains upwards of 40,000 friends on the site. "We've been pretty excited to see our page grow over the last 14 months," says McClain. "So far we've been able to mobilize support for various campaign initiatives, as well as use our friends network to help increase awareness for the Foundation and its work."

As winners of the MySpace Impact Award for Environmentalism, the Surfrider Foundation received a \$10,000 prize. In an unprecedented move, the Surfrider Foundation opted to split the prize money with fellow nominees, Grease Not Gas (a bio-fuel advocacy group) and the Black Warrior Riverkeepers.

"When it comes to protecting our planet's environment, we need to be able to see that we are all in this together," says McClain.

SUZUKI DONATES VEHICLES TO SURFRIDER FOUNDATION

American Suzuki Motor Corporation, working in conjunction with Surfer Magazine, has donated two new vehicles to the Surfrider Foundation. The vehicles, a 2007 Grand Vitara and 2007 SX4, were originally donated as part of Surfer Magazine's annual Surfer Poll Awards event last September. The Suzuki vehicles will be used by the Surfrider Foundation to assist in outreach efforts throughout Florida and Southern California.

Both vehicles have been stunningly wrapped with graphics featuring the captivating work of legendary surf photographer Aaron Chang. Surfrider Foundation supporters will be able to follow the vehicles on their respective journeys by going online and visiting their blog "The Adventures of Vit and Sexy" at www.vitandsexy.com.

"We're very excited to partner with Surfer Magazine to help support the Surfrider Foundation," says Gene Brown, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for American Suzuki. "With its roots in the Southern California area, surfing has come to be so much more than a simple beach activity, and as a Southern California-based company, Suzuki couldn't be more proud of its association and presence in the surf industry and along the coastline."

To further support the Surfrider Foundation's efforts, Suzuki is also supplying Surfrider Foundation Surf Team Captain, Pat O'Connell, with a vehicle and will be donating \$.05 per mile driven during the next year back to the Surfrider Foundation.

"I'm really excited to be working with Suzuki in supporting efforts to protect our beaches," says O'Connell. "I can't wait to get out there and hit the road!"



THE ACTIVISTS

It has been said that there are three tenets to grass roots organizing:

- 1) To Help Create Real, Immediate, Concrete Improvements in People's Lives
- 2) Give People a Sense of Their Own Power
- 3) Alter the Relations of Power

A Surfrider Foundation "Activist" has the power to do all three. They are those unique people that inspire you to stand up, take action and make a difference in what you love because they lead by example ... they lead from their hearts. Surfrider Foundation is proud to feature the following unique individuals in the pages of Making Waves. And we've only scratched the surface ... there is an "Activist" out there in all of us.



Ed Hendricks at the Long Beach Chapter's Ocean Friendly Gardens event.



Big breakers at Long Beach, 1905 H.S.L.B.

Ed Hendricks

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
BY JOE GEEVER

Like many of us, Ed Hendricks was born a "water child". He can tell you stories about jumping off the Belmont Shore pier and bodysurfing at an early age in the waves near his family home in Long Beach, Calif. At age 82, Ed now dreams of those days not only for himself, but also for his grandchildren whom he hopes will someday swim and bodysurf those same beaches with him.

Ed is a founding member of the Surfrider Foundation's Long Beach Chapter and now spends his retirement working to make that dream a reality. The Long Beach Chapter has been working tirelessly to reconfigure a breakwater that no longer serves any useful purpose, but instead impedes waves reaching the beach, entraps pollution at the shoreline, and turns Ed's childhood playground into an unnatural beach.

A soft-spoken, gentle, yet passionate man, Ed is the Chapter's chief researcher and tireless advocate for their "Sink the Breakwater" campaign. The Long Beach breakwater was built for the U.S. Navy at the close of WWII. The Navy closed the Long Beach base in the mid-1990s and (according to Ed) should have taken their breakwater with them and restored a natural, healthy beach to Long Beach. In so many ways, Ed embodies the vision and hopes of the entire Long Beach Chapter, he gives us the vision and drive to continue our work to restore and protect our oceans, waves and beaches worldwide—not just for Ed's family, but for all people.

Joe is Surfrider Foundation's California Policy Coordinator.

JOE GEEVER

G. CHOEY

Nicole Parisi-Smith

CAPITOL CHAPTER
BY TRACEY ARMSTRONG

Nicole joined Surfrider Foundation in 2004 when she was living in San Francisco. That same year she adopted a dog and started “compulsively” picking up trash when she took her dog on walks at the beach. There in San Francisco, Nicole found her way to a Surfrider Foundation Chapter meeting where she got her first real lesson about ocean issues like sea walls, outflow pipes, bacteria in the water and the need for marine protected areas.

In 2005, she moved to Washington DC where she became involved with our Capitol Chapter, eventually finding her niche organizing outreach at concerts. “It is my most personally meaningful contribution to the organization,” says Nicole.

Nicole’s “day job” is working on environmental issues for California Senator Barbara Boxer at our nation’s capital, but she has stayed in touch with her life in California through music ... by going to see Californian bands whenever they come through DC.

“It just naturally seemed like a good thing to do Surfrider Foundation outreach while I was at the shows,” she says. “I was meeting people and talking about the things I was passionate about anyway.”

Her first tabling was at a Donavon Frankenreiter concert and once she saw how much fun it was, and what a difference she could make through this type of outreach, she started coordinating at other shows, including Brett Dennen, Adam Topol (Jack Johnson’s drummer) who plays with Piers Faccini, and ALO.

Nicole continues her outreach efforts to this day and is always on the lookout for environmentally-conscious musicians that are ready and willing to spread the good vibes of Surfrider Foundation through their music.

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Heidi Rataj

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

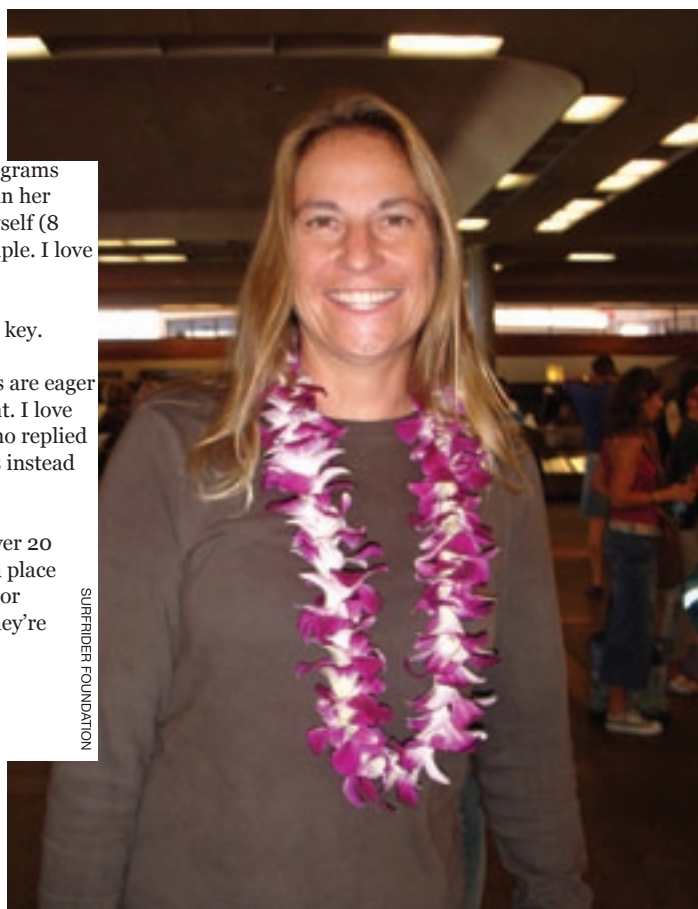
I became involved with Surfrider Foundation’s educational outreach programs because I have been around children all my life. First, helping my Mom in her daycare and later coaching basketball and volleyball. I have two boys myself (8 and 7) and I wanted to teach them about the ocean and beaches by example. I love it so and hope they will carry this interest into adulthood.

I try to reach out by using multiple volunteers and listening—listening is key.

My favorite thing about teaching kids is their innate ability to learn. Kids are eager to get started and most already know something about their environment. I love their personal stories the most. My favorite was from a kindergartner who replied to a question about recycling, that she did her part by eating her boogers instead of wiping them off on her desk!

The oceans, waves and beaches mean a lot to me. I’ve been surfing for over 20 years and the ocean has always been a place for energy, tranquility and a place to recharge. I love the waves, the pure energy that allows you as a surfer or swimmer or whatever to participate. Thank goodness for our beaches, they’re beautiful and free!

—Heidi Rataj



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Rick Thomsen

CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER

I began my affiliation with Surfrider Foundation in the year 2000. I had always been an advocate for clean water and soon found out that Texas had a number of beach access issues that needed addressing. I decided that I could help by joining and becoming active in Surfrider Foundation through the Central Texas Chapter in Austin, which was chartered in 2000. I began helping with fundraising and the bi-annual beach cleanups we do and was elected Vice Chairman in 2004. We formed (and I chaired) a legislative affairs committee in 2005 and I was elected Chapter Chairman in 2006. I've been working since then to increase our membership and fundraising activities, coordinate with and help the Texas coastal Chapters and increase public awareness about the Texas Open Beaches Act.

Helping decide the direction of an inland Chapter has been a challenge. Austin is 200 miles from the coast and we don't have the beach issues in our back yard, as most Chapters do. We do, however, have a large number of volunteers that want to do something meaningful to help. To ensure that we're focused on the Surfrider Foundation mission, I've tried to identify the capabilities we have as a Chapter, the needs that the other Chapters in Texas have, and then use our capabilities to help fill those needs.

I would be preaching to the choir if I tried to tell other surfers how much fun surfing is. Any of my friends that I surf with can testify to how passionate I am about being in the water. We are the luckiest people in the world to not only catch waves, but to have the shared experience of the water, wildlife, weather, and the rest of the natural beauty that goes along with being in the ocean. We owe it to ourselves, our children and future generations to preserve our oceans, waves and beaches for their enjoyment as well.

—Rick Thomsen



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Surfrider Foundation, New Hampshire Chapter's 2007 Step It Up Event, Portsmouth, NH. (left to right) Jeremy Lougee, Katherine Magness and NH's Blue Ocean Society.

Kate Magness

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

My first interaction with the Surfrider Foundation began at a Northern New England (NNE) Chapter fundraiser in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 2003. My enthusiasm inspired me to start a local Chapter here in New Hampshire. I contacted Pete Slovinsky of the Northern New England (NNE) Chapter to discuss need and feasibility of a New Hampshire Chapter.

The NNE Chapter's spatial territory was quite large and overlapping borders between Maine and New Hampshire complicate issues regarding differing environmental regulations such as water quality. I was not alone in the quest to start a New Hampshire Chapter as there were already folks interested in putting forth time and energy to get it off the ground. These other core members include Mike Novak, Jeremy Lougee, Derek Durbin, Viviana Durbin, Ryan Ferdinand and Ashlei Laing.

I enjoy the diversity of interest that comes to our group—be it general coastal stewardship, concerns regarding water quality, education toward future generations on coastal issues, or interest in being hands-on and cleaning beaches regularly. The passion and drive from locals in New Hampshire solidifies our need to be here, and ensures a place for our activism.

The small coastal range in New Hampshire (about 18 miles long) is gorgeous and my time on the water recharges my internal battery and drive. My individual connection with the ocean has been strong since childhood, and I see it only growing with time. The ocean is a special place, one of our Earth's filters and it needs protection.

—Kate Magness

Mark Carter

DELAWARE CHAPTER

I have always spent more of my life outside than inside and growing up near the beach naturally put me in and on the water a lot. As a kid, I spent a fair amount of time visiting my aunt and uncle in Ocean City, Md. My uncle would take me out surfing, and I remember paddling out one time and seeing a soda can floating in the lineup. That's when I started actually seeing trash and other junk on the beaches and in the water. That moment definitely influenced my decision (although several years later) to join the Surfrider Foundation. I want my daughter and son to be able to walk across a clean beach and paddle out to a clean ocean.

I'd say being from such a small state you get to know everybody. I am a kayak guide for most of the year, and my family and I run a fitness center at the beach, so now when I am out and about; it's like, "There's that running, kayaking, Surfrider guy."

My favorite thing about Surfrider Foundation is the people. It's awesome to see how a group of diverse people can come together and accomplish objectives at the local, regional and national levels. It's also great to be able to travel somewhere and know that you can get some local



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Mark Carter and his daughter, Heron Carter, in Puerto Rico.

knowledge from another Chapter, or better yet link up and surf once you get there.

The oceans, waves and beaches bring so much to my life personally on a spiritual level, and they give so much to us as a society in many other ways (subsistence, recreation, energy, beauty, etc.). I find that the ocean and waves keep me balanced in life, and the least I can do it is give them my respect.

— Mark Carter

Tom Naro

EASTERN LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

I feel like the unlikely activist. Prior to becoming a Surfrider Foundation member, I was never an activist or an environmentalist. Now, it is how I spend a large part of my days. We have a lot of active campaigns on the east end of Long Island. Montauk has some of the best waves in the Northeast, and with the waves come a multitude of issues, including access, beach preservation, and trying to save a unique wave from the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). I am lucky to be surrounded by amazing people on our executive committee with strong educations and backgrounds in coastal geology and law.

The Surfrider Foundation is an amazing organization because it empowers the average person to go out and speak about what you believe in and effect change. If someone told me five years ago that I'd be meeting with politicians and speaking at public hearings, I would never have believed it.

The beach has always been my favorite place, and the purchase of my first surfboard was probably the single biggest life-changing decision I ever made. It shaped where and how I live my life. I grew up between Queens, NY



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and Hampton Bays, Long Island, and gave up my job in city to live near the sea full time (two days a week at the beach just wasn't enough). The beach and the ocean are two of the things in my life I am truly passionate about. Working with the Surfrider Foundation has given me an understanding of the coast that I wish more people had, and I will never look at a beach in the same way or take for granted the miles of white sandy beaches we enjoy here.

—Tom Naro

Jill Witkowski

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

I first learned about Surfrider Foundation last fall. My cousin, Kim Rollag, had just taught me to surf (yes, in Louisiana) last spring, and she was doing her best to introduce me to surf culture. One day I was checking out her MySpace page, and came across the Surfrider Foundation's page. As soon as I read about Surfrider Foundation's mission and its great work around the country, I knew I wanted to be involved.

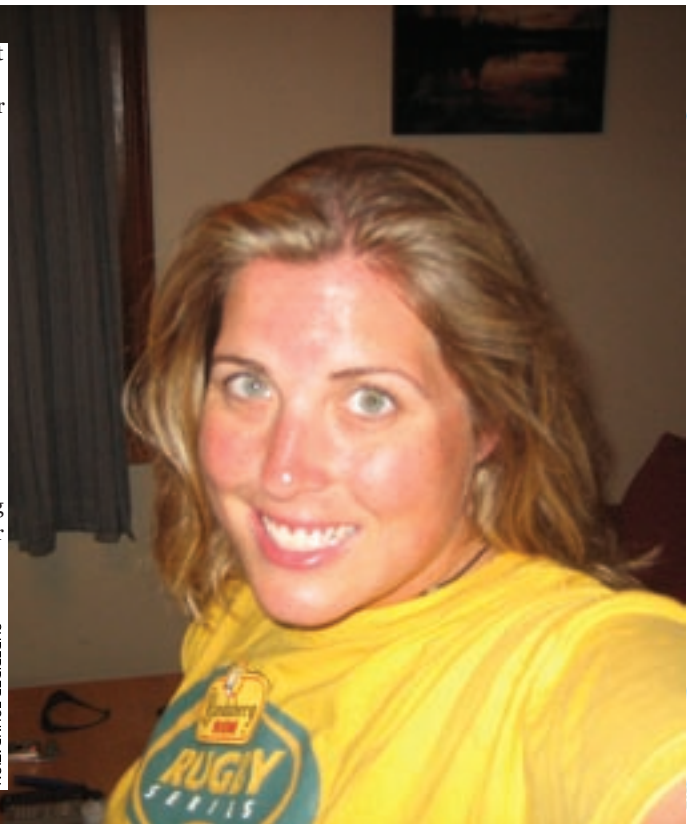
When I discovered the closest Chapters were in Texas and Florida, I knew I had to do something about that. One night when we were on our way to dinner, I said to Kim "You know what? I think we need to start a Surfrider Foundation Chapter here." And she said "Cool. Let's do it." Just a few short months later, we have over 50 people on our mailing list and just had a cleanup of the Mississippi River levee in New Orleans where over 30 people showed up and pulled over 2 dozen garbage bags of trash off the river bank.

One thing that has made my experience with Surfrider Foundation unique is that unlike other people, who become involved in an established Chapter and then decide to take a leadership role, I had to start the Chapter in order to be involved. Fortunately, organizing committee members Drew Homer and Charlie Walsh—both law students at Tulane Law School who had been involved in their local Surfrider Foundation Chapters before coming to New Orleans—gave valuable insight about the activities and fundraisers other Surfrider Foundation Chapters have taken on. With their help, and that of Kim Rollag and Ian Shallow, our Chapter is off to a great start!

The ocean provides me a sanctuary, a place to center myself and remember what's really important in my life. Even though it's nearly a five-hour round trip to the beach and the waves are rarely stellar, it's always worth it just to sit on my board and be one with the ocean.

—Jill Witkowski

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Adrian Nelson

VANCOUVER, CANADA CHAPTER ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
BY TRACEY ARMSTRONG

Our *Making Waves* cover guy is Adrian Nelson, who started out helping the Pacific Northwest Chapters almost five years ago. He started out by volunteering at their annual Clean Water Classic surf competition. He enjoyed the philosophies of the organization and thought that it was something he could really get behind. After helping stateside for a couple of years he realized that there was a strong need for a Surfrider Foundation presence in Canada and set out to create a local Chapter.

"I spent many years chasing after the all mighty dollar, and realized that it wasn't making me happy," says Adrian. "I reflected back on where my life was going and the things I was holding as important, and I realized that something had to change. I've always been passionate about the environment and I wanted to start giving something back." Surfrider Foundation was the obvious vehicle to him to help get back on track and bring some meaning to his life.

We asked Adrian what his favorite thing about Surfrider Foundation was and he responded, "I think my favorite thing would have to be all the wonderful and passionate people I have met through the organization. From the dedicated staff and volunteers across the globe. To the stoked Mom and Dad that stumbles upon one of our event booths and wants to get their whole family involved. It has shown me a wonderfully positive side to our society and has given me great hope for our future."

And what do the oceans, waves and beaches mean to him?

"The oceans, waves, and beaches are a home to me," he says. "They provide food, and enjoyment, but more importantly they provide family. They connect countries, continents, and cultures and the enjoyment we share in our oceans and waves can be expressed without language. That friendly nod or hooting of a good wave knows no race, culture or language. The oceans are what truly binds us."

Tracey is the Content Manager for Surfrider Foundation.

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EAST COAST

Washington DC Capitol Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's Capitol Chapter manned water stops at the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) and the National Marathon in Washington, DC. Chapter activists dressed up in grass skirts and leis and put out lawn signs along the course bearing tips about clean water. For the MCM event, Chapter members were stationed next to the Tidal Basin near the National Mall, a great visual for the 30,000 runners who passed them. At the National Marathon, on March 24, they set up along the Potomac River

where **Chapter Chair, Ed Eads** was interviewed for NBC, WRC Channel 4. Next on the agenda for the Chapter was their first annual Trifecta, a day of surf, skate and snow. Members met at Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware to begin the day with an ice-cold surf. The wind made it a challenge, but most participants *did* catch some waves. A student film crew from the University of Maryland was on hand to capture the scene.

Then it was off to Annapolis, Maryland, and the Truxton Park Skate Park. Participants practiced their rides in the park, and carved on longboard skateboards down a nearby hill. They also gave out shirts to local groms who successfully answered questions about protecting the environment. A handful of exhausted participants then



Chapter supporter, Geoff Patton, dressed for the occasion, while handing out water to marathoners.

JULIE LAWSON



Capitol Chapter Chair, Ed Eads, talks with Julie Carey of WRC-Channel 4, during live coverage of the National Marathon.

JULIE LAWSON



Intrepid Capitol Chapter members hit the waves in Delaware during the first portion of the Trifecta.

JULIE LAWSON

headed to Whitetail ski resort in Mercersburg, Penn., for a bit of snowboarding. The event was an overwhelming success according to Chapter members.

Being a member of a Chapter is more than just about attending meetings. It's about having fun and socializing which leads to a stronger core of dedicated community activists.

Rhode Island Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Rhode Island Chapter** spent the latter part of this bitterly cold winter cleaning up their beaches after a harbor dredging went terribly wrong. The Harbor of Refuge is home to commercial fishing vessels and commercial ferry boats. The materials dredged from this harbor were dumped offshore, not far from a prime surfing area and a favorite fishing beach at the request of a private beach community whose beaches were badly eroded. The private community hoped some of these materials would wash up onto their eroded beaches and replenish them. This was a way to avoid federal regulations about public access onto replenished beaches. No one anticipated that the dredge materials would include litter dropped or blown off the docks during the last 30 years. Shortly after the first barges dumped their material, debris and litter started washing up. Chapter members put in a tremendous effort cleaning the beaches time and again, often in the frigid temperatures of February and beyond. Truckloads of trash were taken from the beaches on several occasions. The chapter now sits on the RI State Dredge Team and is pushing heavily for stronger guidelines for pre-dredge sediment evaluation and better alternatives for sorting/sifting out debris in the dredged material.



Rhode Island Chapter member, Pete Manning, on Day One of the trash discovery.

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Ocean City Maryland Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Ocean City Maryland Chapter** will again this summer promote its campaign to "Leave Only Your Footprints". The five-year program, now in its second year, placed 725 trashcans on the beach with the painted phrase "Leave Only Your Footprints". The trashcans were positioned on the beach to encourage people to throw away their trash and to accomplish one of our organizational goals of cleaning up the beach. "All people needed was a nudge to do the right thing," says **Terry Steimer of the Ocean City Chapter**. The Chapter plans to do aerial advertising during high-volume times like Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. The City Council recently approved a request by the Chapter to add stenciling to the city's 16 garbage trucks and they will work with the public works department to put the 18-inch high and six-foot long message on the trucks.

New Hampshire Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **New Hampshire Chapter** recently participated in a National Day of Climate Action—the largest day of citizen action focusing on global warming in our nation's history. The Portsmouth City Council approved street closures in Market Square, and several political and religious representatives made their pitches for the planet. The New Hampshire Chapter arrived with surfboards in toe to bring attention to the effects global warming is having on our coastlines. This event was one of more than 1,000 global warming rallies being held, thanks to the Vermont-based Step It Up 2007 campaign. Portsmouth Mayor (and U.S. Senate candidate) Steve Marchand and presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich spoke at this well-attended event, as well as other local politicians and religious figures.

Eastern Long Island Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Eastern Long Island Chapter** is pleased to report that the Town of East Hampton has passed their coastal legislation restricting hard structures. For several years, the Chapter has been making recommendations and supporting the town in creating coastal legislation that recognizes the importance of beaches as the most valuable economic asset of the community. The Chapter is also happy to report that the Long Island Sierra Club has joined the Surfrider Foundation in its campaign to stop the plan to re-arm Montauk Point and to protect the lighthouse by moving it away from the bluff.

South Jersey Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **South Jersey Chapter** got serious about measuring their beaches recently using borrowed surveying equipment, and advanced GPS units. The Chapter wants to get an accurate assessment of their beaches before a proposed locally-funded emergency beachfill. The data will help them provide suggestions on the design of the fill. Geotubes have already been used in some areas and the Chapter hopes these precise measurements will determine if they have been effective or not.



South Jersey Chapter member, Kirk Greaser, gets serious about surveying the beaches.

CALIFORNIA South Bay Chapter

In hopes of increasing activity in activists and membership, Surfrider Foundation's **South Bay Chapter** held a volunteer orientation meeting Saturday, March 31, 2007 in Playa del Rey, Calif. It was attended by the Chapter's executive committee including **Chapter Chairman, Alan Walti, Environmental Coordinator Joe Geever, Beach Cleanup Coordinator Ronnie Del Valle and Volunteer Coordinator, Tonya Stumphauzer.** The orientation attracted about two dozen potential volunteers and introduced them to positions ranging from Media/PR Coordinator to campaign assistants for local propositions.

"We found some great volunteers to fill critical executive committee positions, and I believe that we got volunteers really excited about contributing more to Surfrider Foundation's South Bay Chapter," says Stumphauzer, who spearheaded the orientation. Stumphauzer would like to continue the orientation program and hopes to hold the event twice a year. "The turnout was much better than I expected," she says. "Aside from filling executive committee positions, I think volunteers felt more connected to the Chapter since they could get more involved in a hands-on kind of way."

"I have always respected the Surfrider Foundation, but never knew how to get involved," says Branimir Kvartuc, who attended the orientation and volunteered for Media/PR Coordinator. "Receiving a simple email invitation helped me make the jump to becoming an active member."

Long Beach Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Long Beach Chapter** was the first to launch our new Ocean Friendly Gardens (OFG) program in partnership with the Long Beach Water Department. The OFG program highlights the multiple benefits of proper gardening, including: elimination of polluted runoff from residential properties, alternatives to chemical use, water conservation, habitat creation and beautiful landscapes. Other Southern California Chapters will be following Long Beach's lead very soon.



Long Beach members tabling the Long Beach Community College plant sale to launch the local Ocean Friendly Gardens program.

South Orange County Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **South Orange County Chapter** helped sponsor an Earth Day 2007 event at the renowned Ocean Institute in Dana Point, Calif. Early in the morning the Chapter hosted two simultaneous beach cleanup programs at Salt Creek (300-plus in attendance) and at Doheny State Beach (200-plus in attendance). The Chapter also was on hand for the festivities involving artist and ocean activist, Wyland at the Ocean Institute on the same day.



Pictured L to R: Sarah Wilson, Ocean Institute; Wyland; Rick and Denise Erkeneff, Surfrider Foundation South Orange County Chapter.

Long-time activist, **Ed Schlegel**, made a trip down to Trestles for the 2007 Jeep Body Glove Surfbout and brought his portable “Save Trestles Mobile” with him. He gathered signatures for the Save Trestles petition and caught up with **Ocean Minded’s Gary Ward**. Ocean Minded and Dragon Alliance were kind enough to provide the funding needed to create our Save Trestles signs.



Gary Ward (Ocean Minded) and Ed Schlegel at the 2007 Jeep Body Glove Surfbout.

Ventura Chapter

Surfrider Foundation’s **Ventura Chapter** is ramping up an “Urban Watersheds Initiative”. Urban runoff is the most

widespread problem that impacts the coastal zone, and is one of the biggest challenges identified in the California Ocean Plan. The Chapter believes the time has come to begin the process of “re-landscaping our community”. Solving this problem will require the efforts of all sectors of the community, and we are building alliances with local government and other citizen groups. A key component of this campaign is the “Ocean Friendly Gardens” program, which will educate and engage local residents to redesign their own homes and gardens to reduce urban runoff, lot by lot, throughout the city.

San Luis Bay Chapter

As a follow up to disturbing water quality testing results in Pismo Beach, Surfrider Foundation’s **San Luis Bay Chapter** has partnered with the City of Pismo Beach and other stakeholders to create the City of Pismo Beach Water Quality Task Force Group. One of the recent accomplishments of this partnership is the installation of permanent signage across five locations in the Pismo area. These metal “flip signs”, which can be opened to warn the public in both English and Spanish when bacteria levels are high, are replacing the former practice of posting paper advisories on sticks in the sand. This is one great step towards realization of a larger vision to protect public health and safety along the Pismo coastline.

San Diego County Chapter

With their new Rise Above Plastics! Campaign, Surfrider Foundation’s **San Diego Chapter** is focusing their efforts on reducing the amount of plastic in our environment, and most importantly the ocean. The Chapter will implement a two-tier

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER CONFERENCE



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Surfrider Foundation members gather around the Surfrider mobile (nicknamed Vit) at the California Regional Chapter Conference. To follow the adventures of Vit & Sexy go to <http://vitandsexy.blogspot.com/>.



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(left to right) Surfrider Foundation members: Bill Hickman (San Diego Chapter Coordinator); Scott Bull (Santa Barbara Chapter Chair); Paul Jenkin (Ventura Chapter); Alan Honadle (San Diego former Chapter Chair).

Recently, over 40 Chapter leaders and 8 National staff members from throughout California descended on Santa Barbara for a weekend Chapter training conference. The two-day agenda consisted of direct-action organizing, campaign-planning exercises, role-play exercises, statewide policy issues and an open forum where member recruitment and retention was discussed among other topics. The main objectives of the conference were to provide our Chapter leaders with a clear vision of where the organization is heading, a process for achieving that vision and how to implement those efforts in their community using proven resources. Judging from the overwhelming positive response we feel that objective was exceeded. **San Diego County Chapter Activist, Alan Honadle** appropriately summed it up, “*Best conference in terms of production and fun that I’ve ever been to. Thanks for all the hard work National. It really showed. Now lets pull our sleeves back up California and put our hard work to practice!!*”

In addition to set topics an important component of these conferences is sharing information with fellow activists and although formal time is always scheduled, Surfrider Foundation’s **Santa Barbara Chapter** provided a fun evening party where activists shared stories and all had a good time—some even more than others.

Surfrider Foundation National Headquarters organizes and hosts these important annual Chapter conferences and workshops in the Pacific Northwest, the East Coast and in Florida, Texas and California. The conferences are designed to train our Chapter leaders and activists in important techniques and skills in a format that provides a fun and action-packed event. A big thank you to the Santa Barbara Chapter for hosting this wonderful conference.



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Surfrider Foundation members participating in campaign-planning, role-play scenarios.

campaign. The first phase of the campaign includes education and advocating for a reduction of single-use water bottles. The Chapter is researching companies who make reusable water bottles with the end goal of getting these bottles into the hands of thousands of people! Phase two of the campaign will focus on changing current policies. The Chapter has big ambitions to see a ban on plastic bags in San Diego (similar to the bans recently implemented in San Francisco and various European cities). After these two tiers are in place, the Chapter will keep up the momentum and find other ways to Rise Above Plastics!

OREGON

South Coast Activists

Students of Pacific High School and Port Orford community activists are getting ready for the summer season.

The students and Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT) are making cooperative arrangements for water quality testing throughout the summer months in spite of the school being closed. Students, local community members and Surfrider Foundation staff have been trying to raise money to support high school interns for summer testing. They recently held a viewing of *Source to Sea: The Columbia River Swim* at the Savoy Theatre in Port Orford as a fundraiser for the internships and the Blue Water Task Force program. *Source to Sea*, directed by Andy Norris, is a documentary about Christopher Swain, who in 2003 swam the entire length of the Columbia River to raise water quality awareness.



Pacific High School student, Natalie Manning, shows her Surfrider Foundation Spirit!

Newport, Oregon Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Newport, Oregon Chapter** has been busy with a flurry of new campaigns and activities over the past months. The executive committees recently underwent annual strategic planning and hit the ground running with two new campaigns and a variety of new programs and events. New campaigns include a position in opposition of permanent riprap for a stretch of beach in Gleneden, Ore. (www.surfrider.org/Campaignview.aspx?cp_id=200) and a campaign in support of a senate bill to alter industrial mixing zone standards to eliminate bioaccumulative toxins (SB 737 - http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/oregon_waterqualitybills). Newport activists have been supporting both campaigns through petitioning, letter writing, action alerts and public testimony. **Melinda McCombs, Chapter Vice Chair**, traveled to Salem to meet with representatives and give public testimony at the capitol. The new bill could be a huge victory in support of our current Georgia Pacific Pulp Mill campaign and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's reconsideration of Georgia Pacific's mixing zone permit.

Portland, Oregon Chapter

The Portland Chapter is winding down the spring and heading for summer with a fresh perspective after their recent annual training workshop. **Seattle's Mike McCann**, who spearheads Surfrider Foundation's Snowrider Program, came down for the annual Chapter training workshop, inspiring the Portland Chapter to ramp up their Snowrider efforts. Columbia Riverkeeper Outreach Coordinator, **Rachael Pecore**, also came out for the training workshop to help guide the Chapter's efforts for a Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) program in Portland and on how they can work collaboratively with the Riverkeepers.



PETE STAUFFER

(left to right): Liz Crossen, Mike Albers (Chair); Bobby Ruleau; Noelle Saint-Cyr (Volunteer Coordinator); Matthew Spencer; Stiv Wilson; Michael Halle; Kristi Rothenbucher (Treasurer); Jason Wells; Yolanda Reyes; Ian Marshall; and Charlie Plybon (Oregon Field Coordinator).

The Chapter also recently finished up their annual Pint Night event attracting over 300 Portland patrons to Satyricon for surf movies, music, and water quality awareness. The event was kicked off by videos from Awesome Surf Videos Production (ASV) and followed by the retro surf tunes of the Verbtone. Raffles raised money for the Portland BWTF lab and everyone was stoked to learn of the Chapter's efforts.

The most notable of recent executive decisions, was the allocation of Chapter funding to support a law student intern from **Lewis and Clark's Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC)**. The student will provide drastically needed legal support for Surfrider Foundation campaigns statewide and more importantly, will serve as a liaison to engage other NEDC students. Chapter chair and NEDC student, **Mike Albers** was instrumental in making this happen ... major kudos to Mike!

WASHINGTON STATE

The **Olympic Peninsula Chapter** continues working on the Elwha River restoration project. The dams are slated for removal in 2012. The Chapter has been a continuous voice in community meetings and hearings. They are working to make sure—that the beach continues to be open and safe for people to enjoy. Many thanks to **Darrell Woods** for the time that he spends in permit hearings.



JESSICA TWEDDY

Seattle and Northwest Straits Chapters' 8th Annual Olympic Coast Cleanup.

Seattle and Northwest Straits Chapters participated in the 8th Annual Olympic Coast Cleanup. The cleanup stretches along 120 miles of remote coastal shoreline in Washington's Olympic Peninsula. Around 700 volunteers collected 15-plus tons of

garbage, which was spread across the remote coastal shoreline on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. Some volunteers hiked over five miles with backpacks filled with garbage ... Volunteers reported finding refrigerators, 55-gallon barrels, and crab pots washed up on the beaches. Big thanks to all who participated and special thanks to **Mike Webb, Lynn Wells, Philippe Bishop, and Linda McGuinness** for planning the BBQs for the volunteers.



Some Surfrider Foundation volunteers hiked over five miles with backpacks filled with garbage.

Surfrider Foundation's **Northwest Straits Chapter** has initiated a new program, the Native Garden Project; at Woodstock Farm, which is owned and operated by the City of Bellingham Parks Department. The project will take most of the next year and its design will be credited to the Surfrider Foundation for years to come. The garden is a native watershed garden. The Chapter designed the garden in February and began the initial groundbreaking at the beginning of April.

CENTRAL GULF COAST

New Orleans Chapter

On April 21, 2007, one of Surfrider Foundation's newest Chapters, the **New Orleans Chapter**, hosted a cleanup of Audubon Riverview Park and the Mississippi River levee in New Orleans. This was the Chapter's first event, and they had an amazing turnout. Over 30 people volunteered to pick up the park and the banks of the Mississippi River. From the riverbank alone, volunteers pulled out over two dozen large garbage bags of trash, two tires, a vat full of industrial oil and an ice machine! The Chapter is also putting together a water-testing program across Southeastern Louisiana and is coordinating a storm drain-stenciling program in New Orleans. Chapter members came together for two impromptu beach cleanups at Grand Isle, La. where they scoured the beach and collected several large bags of garbage, including several oil filters, a syringe, broken glass, batteries and plastic six-pack rings. Special thanks to Bridge Side Marina in Grand Isle for donating the plastic bags.



New Orleans Chapter volunteers scour the Mississippi Riverbank.



New Orleans Chapter Volunteers pose with the bags of garbage they pulled off the banks of the Mississippi River.

FLORIDA

New Executive Committee for Palm Beach Chapter
Surfrider Foundation's Palm Beach Chapter has had a change of guard by electing **Kerri Smith, Chapter Chair; Brett Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair; Chris Kahlor, Volunteer Coordinator; Rob Matriscino, Treasurer; Tom Warnke, Secretary; and Connie Gasque and Ben Walton, members-at-large.**

Rebirth of the Suncoast Chapter

Thanks to the hard work of **Mike Meehan, Mike Stallings, Jason Moery, Steve Madden, David Eilers, Ron Henkel, Jessica Emry, Amanda Kopacz, Ryan Clapper, and Thomas Paterek**, the **Suncoast Chapter** is back up and running full steam. Their first event is a beach cleanup at Upham Beach in St. Petersburg. It will highlight their first campaign to look for alternatives for the geotube groins that destroyed their surf break.

Florida Chapters Members Flock To Florida State Capitol For Oceans Day And Talk To Legislators

Florida members took advantage of Florida's Oceans Day in order to speak up for their first official legislative bills this session—Clean Oceans Bill, No Net Loss to Beach Access, and Strengthening Coastal Armoring Provisions. With representation from the Panhandle to Miami, the day was a huge success. A big thank you goes out to Surfrider Foundation member **TJ Marshall**, and the help of **Tallahassee consultant, Doug Bell**, for their insight and workshop presentation and to the Surfrider Foundation's **Sebastian Inlet Chapter** for providing Oceans Day t-shirts.

Filling the Gap in Northern Florida

A new Chapter Organizing Committee is underway in Northern Florida, the **Volusia/Flagler Chapter**. This group will be lead by **Coraggio Maglio, Chair; Michelle Gingras, Vice-Chair; Georgia Jenkins, Secretary; Elana Carroll, Treasurer; Chris Brandt, Volunteer Coordinator; Michelle Ballve, member-at-large; and Missy Gibson, token-odd-person.**

Treasure Coast Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Treasure Coast Chapter**, the BUZZ 103.1 FM, Keep Martin Beautiful, and Martin County Parks and Recreation Department, drew a crowd of over 140 volunteers to celebrate Earth Day. They collected trash for over two hours on Martin County's Hutchinson Island beaches. This comprehensive cleanup of Martin County beaches yielded 2,500 pounds of litter. The number one item found on local beaches was cigarette butts, reports **Kelsea Kearns, Vice-Chair of the Treasure Coast Chapter**. "We handed out over 50 large drink cups donated by Hutchinson Island Publix, and they all came back filled."

Surfrider Foundation volunteers, **Cole Taschman** and **Alex Elias** of Hutchinson Island, won the prize for the most cigarette butts, filling eleven drink cups with butts collected from Stuart Public Beach. Following the event, volunteers were treated to a free barbecue and a reggae concert by local band NO KAI. A raffle of surf art items and prizes donated from the community raised over \$1,000 to sponsor disadvantaged youths from the Hibiscus Children's Center to attend a summer surf and environmental camp.

First Coast Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **First Coast Chapter's** Jacksonville Earth Day Festival saw thousands of parents, kids, teachers and students. The Chapter set up a watershed model from Surfrider Foundation's Watershed Works education program. A contest was held to guess the number of cigarette butts two of the volunteers collected in just half an hour at the Jacksonville Beach Pier. The total butts collected: 1,175.

BLACK TIES & BAGGIES

The 2nd Annual Black Tie & Baggies Gala raised awareness for Surfrider Foundation's **First Coast Chapter's** three major 2007 initiatives: water testing; the Clean Oceans Bill; and the Open Beaches Amendment. Venus Swimwear sponsored the event, which helped the Chapter raise not only awareness, but funds to support those initiatives. Approximately 100 attendees enjoyed a night of live music, delicious food and drinks, and left with beautiful local art, surfboards and gift certificates thanks to the generous donations of the community.



Local business owner, Heather Hixon, and friend.



A special announcement from First Coast Chapter Chairman, Larry Hart.



(left to right): Jacksonville TV Channel 12 news anchor, Mark Collins; First Coast Chapter's Volunteer Coordinator, Kerwin Deese; First Coast Chapter Chairman, Larry Hart; and friend.



Chapter members dancing to live music from ACME.



Local surf shop retailer, Paco, bidding on a signed copy of Shaun Tomson's "Surfer's Code".



Steve McQueen screen print donated by Levi Ratliff.

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BOOK REVIEW

Cabo & Coral Go Surfing
Jami Lyn and Udo Wahn
Xlibris Corporation, 2007
56 pgs.

Longtime Surfrider Foundation member, Dr. Udo Wahn, and muralist, Jami Lyn, wanted to create a children's book designed to inspire children to learn to surf while also teaching them safety, basic surfing skills and etiquette. The result is Cabo & Coral Go Surfing, a fun and beautifully illustrated book that is perfect for groms, but will appeal to adults as well.

The story revolves around two friends, Cabo & Coral heading to the beach for a day of

surfing. Mostly told through dialog rather than narrative, the story also encourages kids to appreciate nature and to take care of the oceans and beaches. Wahn and Lyn also included two pages—excerpted from Surfrider Foundation's Twenty Ways brochure—devoted to things kids can do to keep coastal waters and beaches clean and healthy.

A fun summer read for any young beach lover the book has an added bonus—a portion of the proceeds from each book sold is being donated to the Surfrider Foundation. To order your copy of Cabo & Coral Go Surfing, visit www.caboandcoralsurf.com or www.xlibris.com.



SURFRIDER FOUNDATION BRAZIL

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Surfrider Brazil also put on a small eco surf competition in support of the cleanup.

Major Coup for 12th Annual Ocean Initiatives
Twelfth annual beach-cleaning operation sweeps coasts clean in 15 countries around the world on one weekend.

By Michelle Slade

Morocco, Mauritania, Portugal, Benin, Spain, Germany, Italy, France, Argentina, the U.S., Canada, Brazil, Costa Rica, Japan, and Australia can all take pride in cleaner beaches following the 12th Annual Ocean Initiatives held on March 23, 24 and 25, 2007. From all corners of the globe, some ten thousand people volunteered at 218 beach-cleaning activities.

The goal was not only to clean beaches, but also to quantify garbage collected. This information will be used to support existing evidence of the damage caused by an estimated 6,400,000 tons of waste that ends up in oceans and on our coastlines each year.

Ocean Initiatives was launched by **Surfrider Foundation Europe** 12 years ago and **Boris Masseron, Project Officer** for the **Initiatives Océanes** confirms it's the largest effort held annually in Europe. As he explains, with more people involved, more garbage is picked up, and a greater awareness brought to light.

"We have more people participating, more (related) projects, and more students involved," says Masseron. "I think this event is successful because it is an easy way to give a helping hand to the planet, it's fun and therefore participants are eager." In Argentina, local surfing groups and schools not only cleaned beaches up and down the coast but also planted trees in support of Program Plant for the Planet. One hundred and thirty five trees were planted in total, 35 Siempre Verde trees at the well-known La Paloma surfing area in Mar del Plata and, 100 Tamarisco trees in Quequen.

In Brazil, partnerships with schools and universities were initiated with plenty of enthusiastic students participating. Surfrider Brazil also put on a small eco surf competition in support of the cleanup. According to **Sergio Mello of Surfrider Brazil**, "Our final numbers are significant in terms of the amount of garbage we got off the beach—lots of plastic straws and caps! I'd like to congratulate everyone for doing such a great job and working the network through."

Stuart Ball of Surfrider Australia confirmed that 13 different locations around Australia participated with about 130 people in total. "We invited Billabong staff in four of those locations where they have facilities so that was good support," says Ball. "We also had Gold Coast Radio calling Sergio in Brazil to do an interview as to how it was going over there at the same time we were doing our cleanup, which was really great."

Michelle is a frequent contributor to Making Waves.

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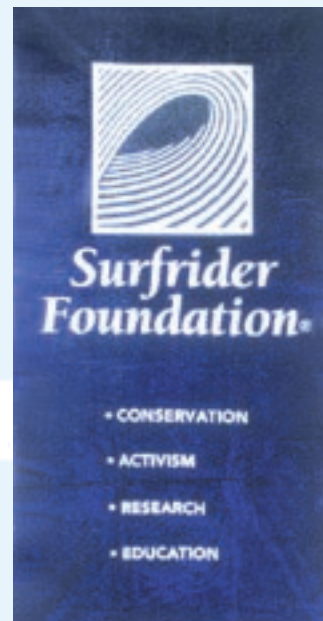
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